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FD 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINR, PINS, PINT, AR, UY, CI
SUBJECT: OPERATION CONDOOR

REF: STATE 209192

1. WHILE I APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF OBJECTIVE SOUGHT IN DEFTEL, I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT AN APPROACH TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE IT.

2. IN MY JUDGMENT, GIVEN PINOCHET'S SENSITIVITY REGARDING PRESSURES BY USG, HE MIGHT WELL TAKE AS AN INSULT ANY INFERENCE THAT HE WAS CONNECTED WITH SUCH ASSASSINATION PLOTS. FURTHERMORE, COOPERATION AMONG SOUTHERN CONE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IS HANDLED BY THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), APPARENTLY WITHOUT MUCH REFERENCE TO ANY ONE ELSE. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, EVEN PROBABLE, THAT PINOCHET HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHATEVER OF OPERATION CONDOOR, PARTICULARLY OF ITS MORE QUESTIONABLE ASPECTS.

3. PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE BEST ACHIEVED IF HE CONVEYS THE MESSAGE TO ██████████ HE CAN DO IT IN THE CONTEXT OF HAVING HEARD A RUMOR WHICH HE CANNOT BELIEVE, BUT WHICH IF SUBSTANTIATED WOULD BE DISASTROUS

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FOR THE PERPETRATORS. [REDACTED] BELIEVE THIS
WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF GETTING THE MESSAGE
ACROSS WITHOUT UNDESIRABLE COMPLICATIONS.

4. I NOTE THAT THE INSTRUCTION IS CAST IN URGENT TERMS.
HAS DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANY WORD THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT
ASSASSINATION ACTIVITIES ARE IMMINENT? THE ONLY SUCH INFO
WE HAVE SEEN IS ONE REPORT FROM [REDACTED] UNCONFIRMED BY
OTHER SOURCES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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